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A six-page report on observations in the harbor area of Novorossiysk,

Observations include the following: Soviet nav 50X1-HUM vessels, merchant vessels, port facilities and construction, military maneuvers near the airfield, locations of military and radar installations, and a naval exercise 14 miles off Mys Doobskiy, consisting of four submarine chasers and a small submarine 50X1-HUM a naval exercise, consisting of a squadron of light destroyers and a large 50X1-HUM submarine, port controls, a naval exercise 25 miles southwest of Mys Doobskiy, consisting of coastal patrol vessels, MTBs, and aircraft, a military exercise near the airfield from which a platoon of men left aboard a small landing craft, and the Eastern Shipyard facilities; and, 50X1-HUM port facilities and construction, and naval vessels. The report includes an annotated sketch map of the harbor of Novorossiysk.

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1. The following Soviet naval vessels were sighted in the Novorossiysk Naval Base:
 - a. Three unidentified destroyers,
 - b. Eight unidentified cruisers,
 - c. One unidentified MTB

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2. From observation the number of personnel assigned to the Naval Base was estimated at 280-300 men.
3. An 18-inch pipeline was being added to the four 10-inch pipelines already existing at the Petroleum Pier.

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4. Construction work was under way to extend the Naval Base Quay. A floating crane carried cement posts which were used as supports for the extension of the pier. The pier which was destroyed during World War II (point 1 on sketch below) was being surveyed, and preliminary work for its reconstruction appeared to have begun. Repair work on the Western Mole was completed, and repairing of the Eastern Mole was started. The Coasting Mole (point 2 on sketch) was also being repaired. At this point a work crew was engaged in the manufacture of cement blocks which were then taken to the Western Mole; from there they were transported to other parts of the port or sent to neighboring harbors.
5. About 400 meters from the green light (point 11) outside the port, naval auxiliary vessels were engaged in wreck salvaging operations.
6. The following Soviet naval vessels were sighted in the Novorossiysk Naval Base:

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- a. Five unidentified cruisers, [redacted]
 b. One unidentified MTB, [redacted]
 c. Two unidentified patrol¹ vessels, [redacted]
7. Two Soviet tankers, approximately 12,000 tons each, were loading at the Petroleum Pier. A Soviet freighter, 8 - 10,000 tons, was loading crates (possibly machinery) and four buses. [redacted] A [redacted] liberty ship was loading cement [redacted] and a [redacted] tanker was loading 15,000 tons of petroleum [redacted]. 50X1-HUM
8. At various points within the port area there are over 30 guard posts, most of which are hidden in debris or in laid up ships. From these posts all vessels in the port are under constant observation. One such post is on the Eastern Mole, camouflaged under rocks, wood, and pieces of canvas; it is provided with a telephone. The guard who mans this post sits under cover and observes through binoculars the movements of incoming and outgoing vessels.
9. Rows of wire nets with buoys were seen at position 3 on the sketch; nearby, men were making additional nets under the supervision of petty officers of the Soviet navy. The nets were the type used to block port entrances, straits, etc.
- [redacted] 50X1-HUM
10. The repair work [redacted] continued. A floating dock, used primarily for small naval vessels, was at position 4 on the sketch. A larger floating dock, able to accommodate a 15,000-ton ship, was at position 5.
11. A ship, stripped of its superstructure, was moored at the head of the Petroleum Pier (position 6); on both starboard and port sides it was equipped with connection for loading and bunkering of ships. Two tankers could moor alongside this vessel and load. In this manner, the total number of ships which could be simultaneously accommodated at the Petroleum Pier was raised to four.
12. The following merchant ships were berthed at the Petroleum Pier:
 a. The 14,000-ton Soviet tanker VOIGONEFT
 b. The [redacted] tanker [redacted] which was loading oil [redacted]
 c. The [redacted] tanker [redacted]
 d. The [redacted] tanker [redacted] 50X1-HUM
13. [redacted] four Soviet naval patrol vessels² of the same class, exited the port in heavy rain and got in formation. [redacted] Below the bridge they had twelve reddish-brown objects resembling shell casings but larger.³ The same objects were observed on either side aft, where the torpedo tubes are usually found. The vessels sailed in the direction of Tuapse. 50X1-HUM
14. Three olive drab-colored vehicles were seen within the airfield area. Two of the vehicles mounted telephone antennas, and the third had a P.P.I.-type radar, which was in operation at the time of observation.
15. [redacted] military maneuvers were taking place by and in the wooded area near the Novorossiysk airfield. Three groups of 100-150 men each were seen, as well as military vehicles with tow, smoke screens, and white flares. Visible in the woods were white tents, artillery units, horses and vehicles.⁴ [redacted] 50X1-HUM
16. A dredger was in operation at position 7. All repair work observed [redacted] was [redacted] under way at the various points in the port. 50X1-HUM
17. Wire nets were placed inside the entrance to the port, by the red light (point 8 on sketch). The nets were sunk into the water so that in case of an emergency the entrance to the harbor could be blocked. The nets were marked by a buoy. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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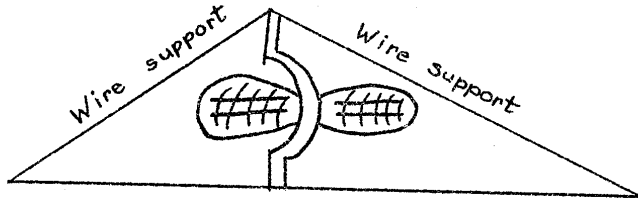
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18. Three radars, HIGH SIEVE or SEA NET type, were observed at the airfield; one of these was in operation. What appeared to be television towers were also observed in the vicinity. Following is a sketch of a large radar also observed at the Novorossiysk airfield.



19. At position N 44-25, E 38-17, [redacted] observed a military defense installation consisting of an anti-aircraft gun, a coastal gun, and an unidentified radar.

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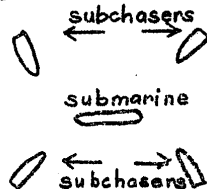
20. The following Soviet naval vessels were in the Novorossiysk Naval Base:

- Four unidentified patrol vessels, [redacted]
- Two unidentified submarine chasers, [redacted]
- Three auxiliaries, [redacted] also seven or eight other auxiliaries without armament.
- Four unidentified submarine chasers, [redacted]. These vessels exited the port [redacted]. They had twin guns fore and aft, two depth charge racks aft, and Y-guns on the port and starboard sides of the bridge.

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21. [redacted] at a position 14 miles from the Doob light-house on Mys Doobskiy (N 44-37, E 37-54), on a course of 242°, a naval exercise took place [redacted]. The four submarine chasers, [redacted] which had left Novorossiysk [redacted] and one submarine or more participated in the exercise. The initial position of the vessels was as follows:

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Distance between the submarine and each of the subchasers: 2 miles

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23. The following merchant ships were in port:

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- The [redacted] freighter [redacted] loading lumber
- The Soviet freighters PENZA and CHERVONOGRAAD loading grain
- The [redacted] tanker [redacted] and the [redacted]. Both vessels took on full cargoes [redacted].
- The Soviet tankers POTI and VOLGADON which were undergoing repairs.

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24. [redacted] a squadron of light destroyers of the Soviet Black Sea fleet was engaged in exercises outside the port of Novorossiysk. Participating in the exercise was a large surfaced submarine, 5 proceeding at a speed of at least 18 knots. [redacted]

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[redacted] having two openings on either side at about the water line level. These openings resembled the exhausts of jet aircraft; smoke gas and water was emitted from them. [redacted] the submarine must have been "jet propelled".

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25. The following naval vessels were observed in the Novorossiysk Naval Base:

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a. Three MTBs, possibly MO-VI-class, [redacted] The torpedo tubes had been removed from these vessels and the only armament were small guns fore and aft. Four other MTBs, possibly MO-V-class,

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b. Six unidentified small naval vessels, [redacted]

c. One KRONSTADT-class submarine chaser, [redacted]

26. [redacted] there was a water shortage in the port. [redacted]

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27. [redacted]

28. [redacted] a naval exercise took place 25 miles southwest of Mys Doobskiy. Six coastal patrol vessels and four MTBs participated in the exercise, as well as aircraft. The naval vessels returned to the Novorossiysk Naval Base [redacted] The speed of the returning vessels was estimated at 18-20 knots for the MTBs, and 14-16 knots for the coastal patrols.

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29. Military exercises on land took place [redacted] in the area of the Novorossiysk airfield. [redacted]

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[redacted] see a platoon of 14-18 men leave the area of the exercise in a small landing craft. The vessel sailed across the Novorossiysk Bay and the men landed in the area of Mys Penay (N 44-41, E 37-53). [redacted]

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30. [redacted] two coastal patrol vessels sailed from the Naval Base out of the harbor; [redacted]

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31. [redacted] the Eastern Shipyard [redacted] was equipped with two or three large lathes, one of which could take metal pieces up to two meters in diameter; twenty smaller lathes and three or four other small ones for very fine machinery parts. The shipyard building was about 55-60 meters long and 20-25 meters wide. There was an overhead crane of one and a half to two tons lifting capacity which could be moved anywhere in the building. On the Eastern Quay, before the shipyard, there were two electric cranes on rails; these were used to lift heavy items requiring repair from ships onto small wagons for transport into the building. [redacted] there was no foundry in the shipyard [redacted] In addition to the repair shop, the shipyard had a drafting office in which a woman was employed as a draftsman. [redacted] the shipyard was up-to-date.

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32. [redacted] the pier east of the Grain Pier (point 9) has been opened for use. Only the portion nearest the Grain Pier is complete. This section measures about 350 meters in length and the depth alongside is 30-32 feet. There are rail tracks on the pier on which were laden rail cars. Work on the unfinished portion of the pier was being carried on at a fast pace. [redacted] the new pier would provide a total of 12 berths. A pier, about 100 meters long and 50 meters wide (point 10) was used primarily by the Soviet navy.

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33. [redacted] improvements had been made to the Petroleum Pier. The pier had been completely asphalt paved, derricks had been installed for use in lifting pipelines, and lighting facilities were improved by the addition of larger flood lights.

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34. A floating dock was observed at position 5. [redacted]

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35. [redacted]

36. [redacted] saw a destroyer and an MTB headed in the direction of Tuapse and Batumi.

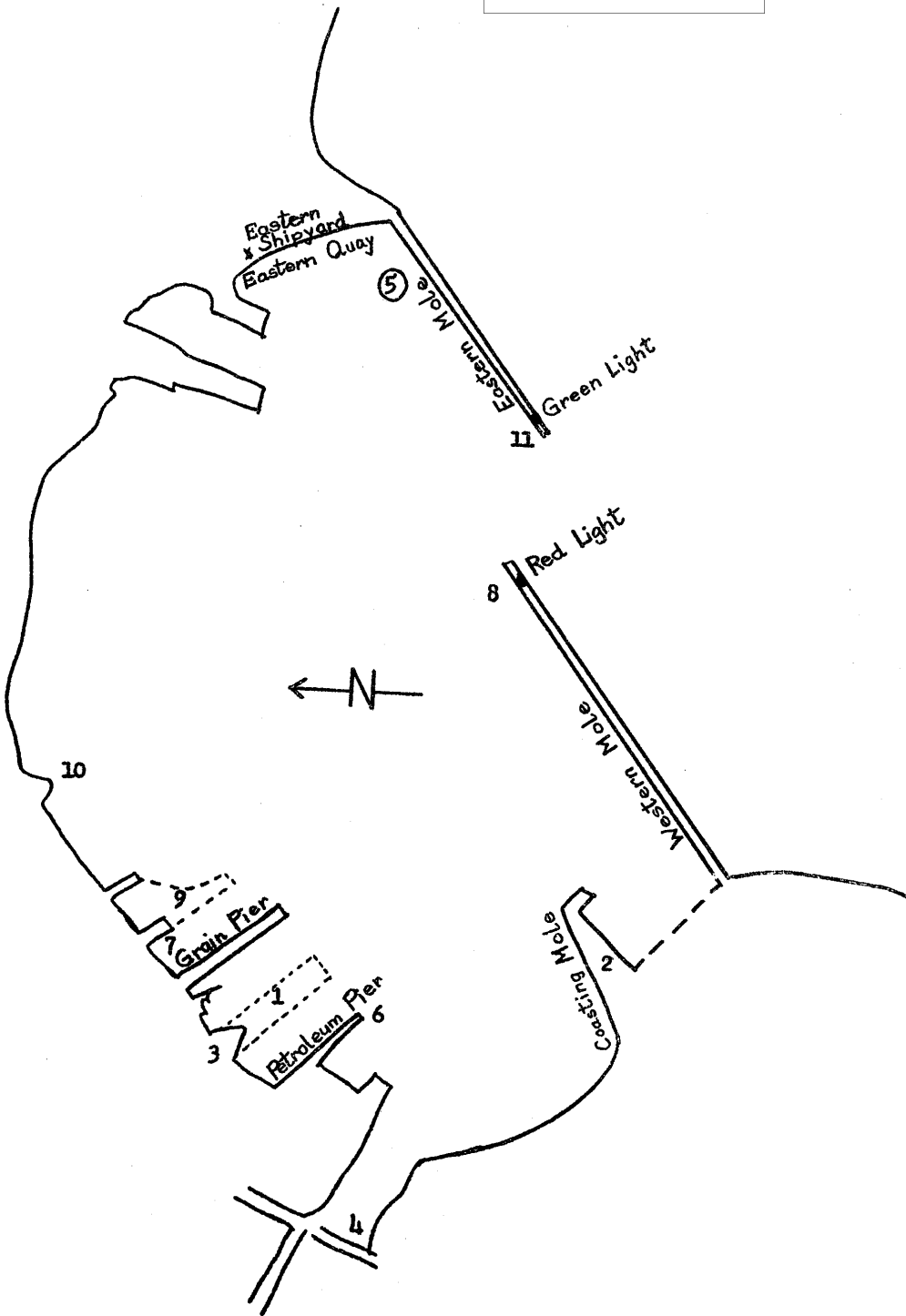
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